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PEACE . . . Let liberty, justice, righteousness, and peace be established throughout the world, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER FOR WORLD LEADERS: Through the Christ mind you are awakened and inspired to right action for the good of all mankind.

JULY 20 to AUG. 19

ILLUMINATION (11 a. m.): By Thy light I am illumined and strengthened.

PROSPERITY (12 noon): The Spirit of truth reveals abundant spiritual substance, which I affirm to be the source of my prosperity. Everything I turn my hands to prospers.

HEALING (9 p. m.): The Spirit of truth floods me with the light of life, and I am made whole.

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ILLUMINATION (11 a. m.): I have faith in the illuminating power of God's word, and I am now open and receptive to divine inspiration.

PROSPERITY (12 noon): I have faith in the substance of God working in and through me to increase and make manifest my prosperity.

HEALING (9 p. m.): I have faith in the healing power of Spirit, which is now restoring and rebuilding my mind and body. In His name I am made whole.

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Wait on the Lord

WILLIAM A. CLOUGH

I REMEMBER reading a book several years ago entitled "The Wisdom of Laziness." In it the author puts in a good word for laziness. He says that it is the parent of progress.

For instance, he contends that someone too lazy to go to the spring every time he wanted a drink invented the pump. Then a still lazier man piped water into his house. Someone weary of walking made the first wagon, and men too lazy to harness horses built the first automobile. Even scientific laws were discovered by persons too lazy to figure things out without them.

Such a view makes us smile. But there is a kernel of truth underneath. The author is really counseling us good-naturedly to stop fretting and fussing so much, to stop trying to do things the hard way.

Most busy people consider doing nothing a wicked waste of time. Busy bees are generally commended and drones condemned.

But there is a great difference between a lazy

drone and an alert dreamer. There is a great difference between laziness and quiet contemplation.

I used to sit down at my typewriter in the morning and try to turn out so many words in so many hours. That is what the books advise. I was able to produce the words, but they did not fall together into stories and articles filled with feeling and value.

Then I learned to sit for a while each morning, about fifteen minutes, waiting in silence before starting my work. I thought of God as the source of all ideas and as the creator of everything, and I asked Him to express Himself through me. I waited, and out of the silence feelings and ideas and phrases came to me. An eagerness to put them down on paper came too.

There is a story by Edward Everett Hale about a little girl who had a habit of running into a chapel near the field where she played to talk to God. After she talked a bit she would remain perfectly still a few minutes, " 'waiting,' she said, 'to see if God wanted to say anything' to her."

Of course God had something to say to her. She did not hear any words but greater happiness welled up in her heart and all her life forever after was richer and fuller. Whenever we talk to God and then listen He says something to us, perhaps not in words or in conscious thought;

but a message comes that in due course finds definite expression in our life.

H. Emilie Cady in *Lessons in Truth* says: "'Sitting in the silence' is not merely a sort of lazy drifting. It is a passive, but a definite, waiting upon God."

The practice of the silence leads to power and increased productivity. Whatever you have to do, whether housework or farmwork, factory work or office work, handwork or brainwork, you can get more done more efficiently and with less effort if you take some time out every day to do nothing but wait in silence on the Lord.

If you are one of the many with more to do than time to do it in, "too busy to breathe," or if you have so little to do that time hangs heavily on your hands, resolve now to set aside a definite time every day for doing just what the little girl did, taking time to talk to God and waiting for His answer. You may not sense any answer at first, but there will be an answer, and if you keep on you will know what it is.

It may not be easy to take time to do nothing in the passive-active way that accomplishes things. It may seem easier to keep forever busy or to loaf idly along. But with daily practice it becomes not only easy but delightful. Vigor of body and mind and exultation of spirit come out of it.

You have heard the story of the man who sat up half the night worrying, when suddenly God whispered to him, "Go to bed now and let Me sit up and do the worrying."

In the same way God is saying: "Sit down and relax and let Me work. Let Me show you how we can work together."

The rush and confusion and worry of our days are like the wind and earthquake and fire that raged around Elijah on the mountain. God was not in the wind or the earthquake or the fire. But when they had subsided there was a "still small voice," and Elijah heard God.

Sit down today some time, somehow, no matter how busy you are. Do nothing but wait on God. You will find confusion leaving your thinking, you will feel a sense of inner peace and quietness, you will hear the "still small voice" of God.

As you practice waiting on the Lord you will be renewed, you will be able to do what needs to be done with more power and energy and ability, for you will not be working alone any more. You will be working with God!

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They that wait for Jehovah shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint.

The Prayer of Faith

HANNAH MORE KOHAUS

God is my help in every need;
God does my every hunger feed;
God walks beside me, guides my
way
Through every moment of the day.

I now am wise, I now am true,
Patient, kind, and loving too,
All things I am, can do, and be,
Through Christ, the Truth that is
in me.

God is my health, I can't be sick;
God is my strength, unfailing,
quick;
God is my all, I know no fear,
Since God and love and Truth are
here.

Freedom

From a Silent Unity pamphlet.

FREE WILL in man is his right of choice. As applied to his relation to God, it means that he has the privilege of choosing whether he will recognize and observe the divine law or try to live independently. He can enter into and live the life universal, where life and liberty and all other good things are provided for his welfare, or he can restrict himself to the limitations that he thinks are necessary to him as an individual, separate from God and from his fellow man.

The only freedom is in Spirit. The boasted freedom of the personal proves always to be hard bondage. This is the great lesson that the race is learning. Many men ignore God. They try to establish what they call religious and political freedom, but in the end they will find that they have overlooked true liberty.

You may turn on a light in a dark room, but if you shut your eyes, the light is of no use to you. You are in possession of infinite forces for good, but they are useless, so far as you are concerned, until you take them and put them to practical use. God in you is life and light, purity and wholeness. It is for you to conform your thoughts and your

words to this truth, instead of letting them roam, while your soul is starving for the nourishing, satisfying word of God—good.

When Paul was taken before Festus, he said, "I appeal unto Cæsar." If instead of appealing to Cæsar he had appealed to God, he would have been set free and would have escaped a long period of imprisonment. A similar mistake is often made by other persons. There comes a time in the life of each one when he must look to some source for freedom from undesirable conditions; too often, instead of looking to God, he appeals to Cæsar. Thus instead of finding freedom he brings himself into still greater bondage.

Be still and witness the salvation of the Lord. Doubtless you know that this stillness in the place of the Most High is not mental torpor but a quiet intensity that neither affirms nor denies in words, that holds itself in an equipoise of spiritual security.

When Spirit shows you that you are free, it means that you *are* free. The reality is in the realm of Spirit, and the outer must fall into line if you hold to Spirit. That is sense consciousness which makes you believe that you go down into the depths, after an illumination. The fact is you always go higher. Because you do not remain in the illumination, you think that you have fallen

when you realize the depths of sense. But that realization shows that you have attained a clearer understanding of the real situation.

To be made free from any mortal limitation, ask the Spirit of truth within you for light and dominion. Then act on its inspiration. Never cut off your freedom by fearing that it will not be demonstrated in the outer. On the other hand, rejoice that you are free in Spirit and in Truth.

If there is anything you feel that you ought to do, yet fear to do, do that thing. The doing will set you wonderfully free. You might affirm power and ability always, but until you put your power and ability to use you remain bound. Take your freedom, give thanks for it, glory in it, and use it. There is no other way. Do it now. Do not put off your day of salvation.

Lose sight of self, and begin to consider what you can do for others. Do everything you can think of that will bring the light of Truth to those who are waiting for it. Interest yourself in spiritual work, so that you will do it freely, spontaneously.

There is a saying that the man who hesitates is lost. We do not believe in being lost, but the one who hesitates certainly is handicapping himself if he allows the habit of hesitating to become fixed.

"Where he leads me, I will follow," does not mean to go back to Galilee, but to follow in the mental and spiritual steps of Jesus. By following Him we attain the same place that He attained: the consciousness of God. To do this, it is necessary to take on His attitude of mind, realizing not only His power but His meekness. Jesus said, "All authority hath been given unto me" and "I am meek and lowly in heart."

People in general think of dominion as being the result of power, but the fact is that many things enter into the realization of dominion. There must be a consciousness of freedom, for power will not find expression if it is declared by one who is bound by limited ideas. One could make some very trying experiences for oneself by declaring power without declaring freedom to express it. Power is a faculty in man, and it is necessary to man's well-being that he express it. If we fail to exercise a certain amount of mastery, we do not demonstrate health of body or of finances. Some people say, "God has given us the spirit of power"; but they do not say it with conviction. If you feel weak, your voice and your word will express that condition. It is possible for one to screw oneself to the sticking point by a statement of Truth. Deny the things of which you are afraid, and affirm your dominion and power.




Identity

FRANCES MOSER

We are cells in the body of God,
And His infinite life is in all,
Uniting in His image
The great and the small.

The world is His word in vibration
And is held like the note of a song,
An eternal cosmic rhythm
He wills to prolong.

He is the breath in our nostrils
And His life is the beat of our heart;
He does not dwell beyond us
Remote and apart.



Tuesday

AUGUST 1

I AM AGELESS, DEATHLESS, ABIDING FREE SPIRIT.

IT IS ONLY when we break the habit of thinking of ourselves as being limited by years or by any external thing that we truly begin to live. Our age in years does not mean very much. Our spiritual growth and understanding are what really matter. Our spiritual rebirth begins with the realization that we are created in the image and likeness of God, that the source and substance of our life is God, that the very cells of our body proclaim the life and intelligence of God.

When we think of ourselves as springing forth from God, when we think of ourselves as spirit, without beginning or end, we are renewed, we step forth free, unshackled by the limitations we have unconsciously imposed upon ourselves. We no longer feel the futility of life, we no longer think of ourselves as living for a limited span, as growing old or useless. We think of ourselves as spiritually awake, alive. We know that we are living in eternity, that our existence is eternal.

✿ *Whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die.*—JOHN 11:26.

AUGUST 2

Wednesday

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD GOES BEFORE ME
MAKING EASY AND SUCCESSFUL MY WAY.

THE TEACHING of Jesus makes it clear that He accepted God as His infinite and abundant resource, His help in every need. "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

Do not hesitate to take the words of Jesus at their full value and ask in faith, believing. Keep on praying regardless of circumstances and conditions until prayer becomes an established habit in your mind.

Keep in mind that God, in whom you dwell and who dwells in you, knows your needs. Your desire for a successful, happy, prosperous life comes from God. Through your believing prayer there will be set into action in your life the forces of good that will bring you the fulfillment of your desires in a perfect, orderly, and just way.

Affirm as you begin any undertaking: "The Spirit of the Lord goes before me making easy and successful my way."

✱ *Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be made full.*
—JOHN 16:24.

Thursday

AUGUST 3

I AM JUST IN ALL MY THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS, AND DIVINE JUSTICE IS MADE MANIFEST IN ALL MY AFFAIRS.

BECAUSE I realize that God has provided an abundance of good for everyone in the world I know that there is no need for one person to be deprived of good in order that another may receive his share of it. I acknowledge that God in His infinite love and wisdom has established a divine law of justice that prevents anyone else from taking that which is rightfully mine.

In combating the appearance of injustice in my affairs, I turn first to God and affirm the presence and power of His divine law of justice. I know that His will for me is all good and that no person or circumstance can prevail against me when I put His law into operation in my affairs.

I do not become discouraged if the answer seems slow in coming, but I patiently await the outworking of good. I work with God's law by keeping my mind free from thoughts of resentment and by maintaining a right and just attitude toward others.

• *For Jehovah is a God of justice; blessed are all they that wait for him.*—ISA. 30:18.

AUGUST 4

Friday

I TURN TO GOD FOR WISDOM AND COUNSEL,
AND I AM CONTINUALLY AWARE OF HIS
GUIDANCE.

TODAY I PLACE all my affairs in God's care and keeping, and I trust in Him to guide and direct me. I turn to Him for counsel in making any decision, small or large, and when it is made I release it from my mind, knowing that all is well. Because I realize that I have instant access to God's wisdom I am not hesitant or unsure of my ability to reach decisions.

If momentarily I become confused or uncertain, I still my outer thoughts and turn to the source of light and peace within me. As I do so I receive the illumination and guidance I seek, and I am confident and serene.

All darkness and doubt disappear before the clear light of God's wisdom, and I solve my problems quickly and easily through my dependence on His instruction. Trusting in Him and looking continually to Him for guidance, I find that my way is made smooth and easy before me.

*Every purpose is established by counsel;
And by wise guidance.*

—PROV. 20:18.

Saturday

AUGUST 5

I AM FREE FROM LIMITATION OF ANY KIND, BECAUSE I REALIZE THAT THE SAME SPIRIT OF FREEDOM THAT WAS IN JESUS CHRIST IS IN ME.

I KNOW THAT the same Spirit is in me that was in Jesus Christ, and I follow the pathway He showed me to perfect freedom. He knew that the spiritual power within Him was greater than any force in the world, and that nothing could hold Him in bondage. Following in His footsteps, I affirm that nothing can enslave me, for the spiritual power within me enables me to rise above any limitation.

I speak the word of Truth with the authority that comes from the realization of my Christ dominion and mastery, and I acknowledge that I cannot be controlled or bound by any person or situation. If in the past I have allowed thoughts of fear or insecurity to dominate me, I now assert my divine authority over these limiting beliefs. As I become increasingly aware of my true freedom in Christ, new vistas of happiness, accomplishment, and achievement open before me.

✿ *For freedom did Christ set us free: stand fast therefore.*—GAL. 5:1.

AUGUST 6

Sunday

I AM CREATED IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD, AND I MANIFEST THE HEALTH AND WHOLENESS THAT ARE MY DIVINE HERITAGE.

I KNOW THAT as a child of God my heritage is perfect health and wholeness. If I am not manifesting this perfection in my body at the present time, I do not condemn myself or dwell on the appearance of imperfection, but I keep my attention fixed on God as the source of my life and health.

If I acknowledge that God's life is the only presence and power in my body I cannot really believe that the appearance of pain, weakness, or disease has any lasting power to restrict me. When I seem to have these appearances to meet I refuse to let thoughts of discouragement creep in. I hold fast to my belief in God's healing power.

I affirm that His peace is soothing and relaxing all tension, that His strength is sustaining me and lifting me above all thought of weakness, that His life is restoring and renewing each cell and organ. I behold my body responding to my true thoughts and manifesting health and wholeness.

✿ *I will restore health unto thee.*—JER. 30:17.

Monday

AUGUST 7

I EXPRESS GOD'S LOVE AND CREATE HARMONY AND HAPPINESS WHEREVER I AM.

I KNOW THAT in order to have harmony I must express love. No matter how hurt I may be, my part in bringing peace to my own heart and harmony to any situation is to express God's love.

I may not be able to let love flow spontaneously out to one whose disposition is ugly or difficult or to one who is too self-centered to consider the needs and feelings of those about him. But I can let love flow spontaneously out to God, and in loving God I develop tolerance and a helpful attitude toward God's children. I am able to see that beneath a difficult disposition is a heart trying to find love. I am able to see that behind a self-centered heart is a person who has not yet experienced the joy of fully sharing life with others. I am able to see that inner peace and outer harmony are created through the giving of love.

I turn my heart toward God in receptiveness, finding in my love for God freedom from every thought or feeling not conducive to harmony.

✿ *We love the children of God, when we love God.*
—I JOHN 5:2.

AUGUST 8

Tuesday

I GRACIOUSLY ACCEPT EVERY GOOD THING WHICH COMES TO ME AND BLESS THE GIVER.

IT IS TRULY more blessed to give than to receive. It is also sometimes easier. Giving is a pleasure, the performing of which lifts the giver and awakens in him a deeper sense of his oneness with God. It is seldom that one has to learn to give, but the art of receiving graciously often has to be acquired. One who has difficulty in receiving usually fails to recognize this characteristic for what it is. He thinks of himself as completely unselfish, desiring only to be generous in his dealings with others. Too often he overlooks the fact that in his insistence upon being the giver he is depriving others of a great privilege and hindering their spiritual growth. In his embarrassment at being expected to accept a gift he often forgets to express his thanks. We must remember that we are two-way channels for God's good, and it is our part to perform lovingly both the giving and receiving that we are led to do. It is necessary to strive for a balance, making sure that we give full expression to both.

• *Be ready to distribute, willing to communicate.*—I TIM. 6:18.

Wednesday

AUGUST 9

MY FAITH IS CENTERED IN GOD, AND I AM
SUSTAINED IN POISE AND CONFIDENCE.

NO ONE escapes having to train and discipline his emotional reactions. No one is so secure within himself that he never experiences moments of misgiving. No one approves of himself in these moments, and no one denies wanting to be able to meet life with unshakable poise, with spiritual dignity.

It is possible to train ourselves to have inward assurance. We do this through prayer, the kind of prayer that takes us into the very heart of our being, where we see and feel the certainty and boundlessness of our spiritual resources.

By practicing this kind of prayer day by day we build up an inward assurance that makes it possible for us to meet the most challenging experiences in poise and confidence.

We are prepared in spirit to react to all people with understanding and graciousness. We are prepared to accept opportunities for extended self-expression. We are prepared to enjoy life and people rather than withdraw from them in fear and misgiving.

☛ *Jehovah will be thy confidence.*—PROV. 3:26.

AUGUST 10

Thursday

I WAIT ON THE LORD. HE STRENGTHENS MY
HEART AND RENEWS MY COURAGE.

I WAIT ON the Lord. I accept His purposes and let His love strengthen my heart.

A heart that waits on the Lord escapes the feelings of despair and doubt that would overwhelm it in times of adversity. A heart that waits on the Lord is given comfort and understanding. A heart that waits on the Lord is lifted out of forlornness and grief into a place of peace and courage.

A heart that waits on the Lord is given knowledge as indiscernible to reason as air is to sight. A heart that waits on the Lord is made aware of the endlessness of life, the foreverness of love. A heart that waits on the Lord is shown the meanings and purposes of God Himself.

A heart that waits on the Lord is healed; courage is renewed, new values are revealed, peace and faith are restored.

A heart that waits on the Lord is a secure heart, a contented heart, an anticipating heart.

I wait upon the Lord. He strengthens my heart and renews my courage.

✱ *Wait on the Lord.*—PSALMS 27:14 (A. V.).

Friday

AUGUST 11

I AM BLESSED BY THE LOVING PRAYERS OF OTHERS.

DO YOU KNOW that thousands of persons all over the world are praying for you today? They may not know you personally, but you are included in every prayer for the blessing of the world. All the earnest souls everywhere who pray that good may come to all mankind are praying for you, and you are one with the thousands of DAILY WORD readers who unite in prayer daily.

You are never friendless or alone. God is with you in the prayers of His children. God is with you in your own heart, ready to comfort and bless you.

Your heavenly Father loves you with an infinite love. This message is written to you in love. Everywhere the good and true are breathing prayers of love for you.

"Always with me! Love so tender
Feels each trembling breath of prayer,
For our God is ever listening,
And His love is everywhere."

♣ *How unceasing is my remembrance of thee in my supplications, night and day.—II TIM. 1:3.*

YOU ARE GOD'S CHILD.

THESE WORDS I say to my inner self every morning and countless times throughout each day: "You are God's child." As my realization of the truth of these words sinks deep into my consciousness I know that health, prosperity, success, love, and joy are rightfully mine. I go my way in peace, with an inner knowing of my own worth as a child of God but with humility in my heart, for I know that it is God in me that makes my life effective.

"You are God's child," I say within myself as I greet my family in the morning, as I greet co-workers, students, teachers, all the people whose lives touch mine. I cannot quarrel, nor be envious of, nor speak unkindly to one I have so thought of.

When I see a stranger on the street who looks ill or unhappy or poor or afraid, I know for him the truth, which is so different from the appearance: "You are God's child." And when my mind touches on world problems, the great hungers and needs, when too I let these words flow out to every living soul: "You are God's child."

• *We are children of God: and if children then heirs; heirs of God.*—ROM. 8:16.

How Much

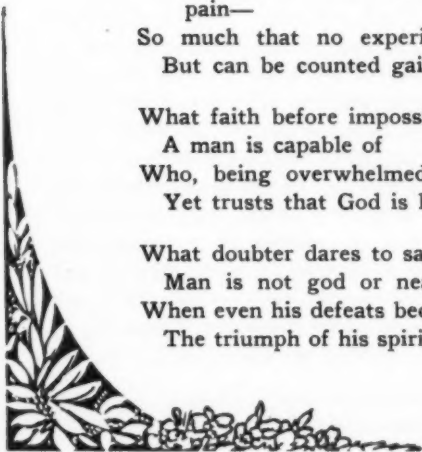
JAMES DILLET FREEMAN

How much the human spirit
Outweighs the human
pain—

So much that no experience
But can be counted gain!

What faith before impossibles
A man is capable of
Who, being overwhelmed,
Yet trusts that God is love!

What doubter dares to say
Man is not god or near it
When even his defeats become
The triumph of his spirit!





Sunday

AUGUST 13

I CONSECRATE MY ENTIRE BEING TO GOD
THIS DAY.

I CONSECRATE my entire being to God at the outset of this day, thankful that I can thus make this day worth while. For only by giving myself over to God can I hope to find the full significance of the day.

I give Thee, Father, my mind. Thus my thinking will be guided in right channels. My mind will be flooded with tranquillity and joy. I will look with kindness upon my fellow men and all my surroundings, for my mind is given over to Thee.

I give Thee, Father, my body. In giving it to Thee, I find it restored to me a hundredfold; for in Thee my body is filled with health and strength. Gladly I give it to Thee!

I give Thee, Father, my heart, with all its affections. From Thy loving heart it learns new love. Under Thy inspiration its capacity to understand, to forgive, to bless is enlarged.

Thou dost welcome my sacrifice, I know. It is acceptable to Thee, for in Thy sight it is holy. I give it to Thee gladly, that life may have meaning.

• *Present your bodies a living sacrifice.*—ROM. 12:1.

AUGUST 14

Monday

GOD IS NOW BLESSING EVERY DEPARTMENT
OF MY LIFE.

REGARDLESS of the darkness that seems to unfold you, rejoice in your heart this day, for the Spirit of God within you can completely dispel that darkness. If you find yourself in a state of confusion despair no longer, take heart, for the mighty power of God in you can do all things, including the healing of your particular difficulty.

Whoever you are, wherever you are, whatever the situation, stand still right now and stop resisting and struggling. Relax yourself mentally, emotionally, and physically. Remind yourself that the all-adjusting power of God is the only presence and power within and about you, and then continue to rest in the realization that "God is now blessing every department of my life." As you thus keep trusting Him despite the appearances, the trouble will be healed.

Know that God is now blessing every department of your life.

*And Jehovah helpeth them, and rescueth them . . .
Because they have taken refuge in him.*

—PSALMS 37:40.

Tuesday

AUGUST 15

LIFTING MY MIND AND HEART TO GOD IN PRAYER, I AM ABLE TO SEE EVERY PERSON AND EVERY SITUATION THROUGH THE EYES OF LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING.

WHEN YOU FEEL that an injustice has been done you do you give your thought to reviewing the circumstances and assessing the blame, or do you give your thought to gaining understanding and freedom from resentment? If you give your thought to gaining understanding and freedom from resentment, you are taking the direct path to order and harmony.

Seeking restitution or assessing blame never really rectifies an injustice. A situation where injustice is involved must be healed by understanding.

When you understand that injustice is the result of faulty beliefs you can take a right attitude toward it. You can offer understanding even though you feel ill-treated. You can offer prayer even though you have experienced disillusionment. Turning to God in prayer lifts the mind and heart to attitudes that heal and harmonize.

♣ *A man's judgment cometh from Jehovah.*—PROV. 29:26.

AUGUST 16

Wednesday

I REACH THE POWER OF GOD THROUGH
CHRIST, AND I AM HEALED.

IF YOU want help with some problem, if you hunger for forgiveness and encouragement, if you seek healing of body or mind, read the story of the woman who touched the hem of Jesus' garment and was made whole. Consider how she broke through the throng, difficult though it was to do, in order to touch Jesus.

Your help and healing will come when you make contact with the Christ. You can touch Him. No matter how dense the throng of diverting thoughts, you can reach Him. Pray with all your heart. Believe with all the faith you can summon. Break through doubts and distractions and touch the Christ in your inmost self.

The Healer is here, where you are. Behold Him, believe in Him, reach through in faith and touch Him. As you reach beyond the human to the divine, help and healing will come. Your faith will make you whole.

* *She . . . declared in the presence of all the people for what cause she touched him, and how she was healed immediately. And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole.—LUKE 8:47, 48.*

Thursday

AUGUST 17

THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR, FOR CHRIST IS WITH ME.

NO MATTER how hopeless a situation may appear to be, there is nothing to fear, for Christ is with me. When He is present, darkness and defeat are dispelled; such forces cannot exist in His presence.

The ruler's household mourned, for they saw the maiden as dead; but to Jesus Christ she was only sleeping. "Give place," He urged as He entered the room. Thus He offered the first lesson in the solving of perplexing problems: we must give place to Him, "give God a chance," to use everyday parlance.

So we make place for the Christ, realizing that any situation is hopeful when it is in His hands. Thus we gain freedom from doubts and fears. For the problem that at first seems so overwhelming becomes soluble as we give place to Christ. The problem is not permanent but passing; the battle is not loss, but gain. For Christ is with us, and in His Spirit we are more than conquerors. Give place to Him and all is changed.

✱ *He said, Give place: for the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.—MATT. 9:24.*

AUGUST 18

Friday

I AM NEVER ALONE, FOR THE FATHER IS ALWAYS WITH ME.

THOUGH YOU may sometimes feel that you do not have a friend in the world, that you are all alone, that no one is truly interested in you, pause for a moment to remind yourself that you are a child of God and dearly beloved in His sight. No matter what poor opinion you may have of yourself, He beholds only your infinite and divine potentialities and has faith in your ability to express them. You are a necessity to God, for you are His dwelling place, the channel through which He pours forth His love into the world.

You are not alone. Your heavenly Father is with you, closer than breathing, nearer than your hands and your feet. But you may say, "I want outer companions in the flesh whom I may love." If you keep reminding yourself that God in you is your constant companion and trust Him in all the matters of your life, never fearing and doubting, then you will find that the outer friends you seek will come to you. "I, if I be lifted up . . . will draw all men unto myself."

♣ *Lo, I am with you always.*—MATT. 28:20.

Saturday

AUGUST 19

I HAVE FAITH IN GOD TO SUPPLY ME WITH ENERGY, INSPIRATION, AND THE POWER OF ACCOMPLISHMENT.

ORDER IS a created state. Regardless of how many demands are made upon your time and energy there is a way of meeting these demands so that you will not feel harassed or burdened. You can apply your mind and direct your energy so as to accomplish what you have to accomplish with order and thoroughness.

Order is created from within outward. To have order in your family life, your business life, and still have time and energy for recreation you need to develop a relaxed, organized approach to each day's activities. You need to know that there is no lack of energy or time.

God supplies energy, inspiration, and time, and you develop an organized, efficient state of mind by centering your faith in God. Even though you have allowed plans and obligations to pile up to a point where you cannot see your way through to accomplishment, you can start now to create order by centering your faith in God.

✿ *I by my works will show thee my faith.*—JAMES 2:18.

Sunday

I HAVE FAITH IN THE ILLUMINATING POWER OF GOD'S WORD, AND I AM NOW OPEN AND RECEPTIVE TO DIVINE INSPIRATION.—UNITY ILLUMINATION THOUGHT.

WHEN WE pray often for guidance and learn of our Father, God, what He would have us do, we realize in ever greater measure the happiness that our Father wills for us. He is the light upon our way, the burning fire within us that impels us to go forward continually to new and greater triumphs.

The word that God would speak to us always, and that He does speak to us when we quiet the restless, anxious thoughts that would disturb us, is always the word of power, of dominion, of light, of discernment, of inspiration. "In the secret place of the Most High" our Father awaits our coming to Him that He may illumine us with His wisdom.

When we go to Him in faith, in sincerity of heart and complete willingness to do His will, our Father unfailingly reveals to us the way that we are to follow, the one right way that leads us to peace, joy, success, and plenty.

• *I seek . . . the will of him that sent me.*—JOHN 5:30.

Monday

AUGUST 21

I HAVE FAITH IN THE SUBSTANCE OF GOD WORKING IN AND THROUGH ME TO INCREASE AND MAKE MANIFEST MY PROSPERITY.—UNITY PROSPERITY THOUGHT.

THE TERM that we use to describe the invisible spiritual essence that underlies and supports the visible universe we call the "substance of God." This substance in its various manifest and unmanifest forms sustains life and in scriptural symbology is called "living bread."

Each person's prosperity becomes manifest to the extent that he has faith in the substance of God. "Faith," says Charles Fillmore, "is the perceiving power of the mind linked with a power to shape substance." Hence if we would increase our prosperity we must first strengthen and increase our faith in God.

When we actively declare our faith in God substance, we put ourselves in tune with the law that governs supply. Even if we do not know the law and cannot explain faith or how it works, it continues to do its perfect work and eventually brings forth the increase of prosperity that we desire.

✿ *Faith is assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen.*—HEB. 11:1.

AUGUST 22

Tuesday

I HAVE FAITH IN THE HEALING POWER OF SPIRIT, WHICH IS NOW RESTORING AND REBUILDING MY MIND AND BODY. IN HIS NAME I AM MADE WHOLE.—UNITY HEALING THOUGHT.

THE HEALING power of Spirit is mighty to bind up our wounds, to restore our broken heart, to set us free from captivity to any belief in the reality or the finality of illness or sorrow.

Within us there are tremendous hidden resources of divine energy that Spirit will stir into activity when there is need for healing. First we must have faith that we can be healed, that Spirit has power to heal us, that we are being healed now. Then as we faithfully and steadfastly affirm the truth of our perfection in mind and body, the healing power of Spirit begins at once its perfect work of making wholeness of mind and body manifest.

We are made strong, we are restored, we are renewed. The splendid life that is God's free gift to us now flows into and through us. In His name and through His Spirit we now manifest wholeness of mind and body.

* *Thy faith hath made thee whole.*—MATT. 9:22.

Wednesday

AUGUST 23

I TRUST THE GUIDING SPIRIT IN MYSELF AND
IN ALL PERSONS.

THIS DAY I take inventory of myself to make sure that I am truly unselfish and kind in my dealings with others. I ask myself this question: Are you sure that in your own search for freedom and happiness you are giving freedom and happiness to others? I know that I am here on this earth not to interfere with others but to help them in every way possible to find the particular good that they desire to express. I remind myself often that the wisdom of God in them is guiding their steps even as it is guiding mine, and I have faith that God in them knows better than I what is for their highest good. If another one who is dear to me decides upon some course that differs from that which I think wise, I will not take the responsibility upon my own shoulders, but I will bless him and give thanks that his own indwelling Lord is guiding him.

I will make very sure that I am not possessive in my relations with others but do to them as I would have them do to me.

♣ *Love . . . is not unmannerly, nor selfish.*—I COR. 13:5 (Weymouth).

AUGUST 24

Thursday

THROUGH CHRIST IN ME I REACT CALMLY
TO EVERY SITUATION.

I AM NOT overwhelmed or thrown off balance by any experience that comes to me, for I am eternally poised in Spirit. Knowing this, I do not react haphazardly but keep my reactions under control. I am free to choose how to respond to any given situation; therefore I respond intelligently and am not betrayed into foolish action by my emotions. I allow no feeling for the dramatic to push me into ill-advised emotional outbursts, but I consider all things rationally and calmly, turning within for the Father's guidance. As a result the action I take is deliberate, well-considered, and in accordance with His will.

Outward pressure from other persons does not influence me unduly, for my instruction is from within, and it will unfailingly come to me as I need it. I choose to react calmly to every situation that confronts me this day, and as a consequence I am not swept into unwise action by emotional impulsiveness.

☛ *Choose you this day whom ye will serve . . . as for me and my house, we will serve Jehovah.*—JOSH. 24:15.

Friday

AUGUST 25

GOD TAKES MY HAND AND LEADS ME SAFELY
THROUGH DIFFICULT PLACES.

THERE IS a saving, healing power closer to you than your heartbeat. God is standing by you now and always. You are never helpless or alone. You are never entirely dependent on yourself. God, your friend, is with you, offering every good thing to you. He is ready and able to help, whatever your need may be.

Turn to Him now, saying quietly: "Lord, I need Your help. I cannot handle everything alone. I know that You can do what I cannot. I have faith in Your guiding, loving presence ever with me."

Comfort will come to you if you are grieving. Strength will come to you if you are weak. Faith will fill your heart and mind if you are fearful. Love will transform your emotions and dissolve bitterness or resentment.

God takes your hand and leads you safely through difficult places. He is your comfort, your strength, your inspiration, your never-failing help.

*The righteous cried, and Jehovah heard,
And delivered them out of all their troubles.*

—PSALMS 34:17, 18.

I LIVE IN GOD'S WORLD.

IT IS NOT necessary to live in the midst of fear, confusion, sickness, or inharmony. Through daily prayer and meditation I rise above the negative conditions in the world.

I no longer fear any disease or epidemic. My body is made after a perfect pattern, and it expresses increasingly the divine wholeness of that pattern. If inharmony appears in my body or its functioning I work quickly but fearlessly to realize an increase of divine life and perfection in me.

I have nothing to fear in any situation so long as I remember that I am in God's world. He is with me, and with Him all things are possible. I travel in ease and safety anywhere on land or sea or in the air. I undertake any job that comes to me, confident that with God's ever-present help I can carry it to successful completion.

I fear no lack of any kind. I live and move and have my being in God's world, and everything I need, everything my heart desires, comes to me in perfect order.

• *For in him were all things created, in the heavens and upon the earth.*—COL. 1:16.

Sunday

AUGUST 27

THROUGHOUT ALL THE ACTIVITIES OF THIS DAY I KEEP MY VISION STEADILY AND QUIETLY FOCUSED UPON THE RADIANT CHRIST PRESENCE WITHIN ME.

GOD is fully present within and about you every moment of your existence, no matter where you find yourself. The Spirit of God in which you are immersed is waiting to fill the very need that now confronts you. But in order to do so God requires your loving and unwavering interest and attention. To turn your attention away from the outer confusion to the Christ presence within is the one sure way to receive the uplifting and harmonizing help you need. The most complicated situations will clear themselves in a surprising manner, and the darkest fears will be peacefully and gloriously dispelled.

But the one thing to remember is this: When you look within, to the Spirit, let your looking be not strained but very quiet. Quietness is the key. Keep your vision quietly focused upon the radiant Christ presence within you.

*I waited patiently for Jehovah;
And he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.*

—PSALMS 40:1.

AUGUST 28

Monday

THE CHRIST MIND AWAKENS A NEW SPIRIT
IN US AND INSPIRES US TO RIGHT ACTION.

WHEN WE listen to radio reports of the state of the world today we could easily become discouraged with the little progress we have made toward establishing peace in the world.

But as Truth students we know that no word of God is void of power, that even when to outer appearances no gain is made an inner work is being done. We believe in the power of God present in every man, and we keep faith in that power.

We know that God's mighty power can awaken and arouse every nation to a new conception of peace and unity with every other nation. We know that God's power can quicken in every man a new sense of understanding, a new sense of faith; that God's Spirit can free man from fear, from selfishness, from greed, from everything that keeps him in bondage, that keeps him from experiencing peace in his own heart and mind and in his world.

Will you join us in declaring that a new spirit is being revived and reborn in the world.

• *The mind of the Spirit is life and peace.*—ROM. 8:6.

Tuesday

AUGUST 29

MY PROSPERITY IS FOUNDED IN GOD, AND IT IS THEREFORE SECURE AND UNCHANGING.

AS SURELY as we recognize and acknowledge God as the true source of our prosperity we can know that our abundant supply and success are secure and unshakable even in the face of changing conditions and times of apparent insecurity. The loss of a position or the failure of a business cannot bring fear and uncertainty to one whose faith is founded in God as the rich supplier of all needs.

If one channel of supply seems to be cut off we need to keep our thoughts relaxed and our faith in God unwavering. As we keep our mind open to His wisdom and instruction He unfailingly leads us to our right place, He blesses and prospers us.

One door may be closed to us in order to help us realize that there is a larger field of service open to us, where we can use our talents and abilities more happily and usefully and receive more richly of God's abundance.

❁ *Beloved, I pray that in all things thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.—III JOHN 2.*

AUGUST 30

Wednesday

INSPIRED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD WITHIN ME,
I AM GUIDED IN THE WAY THAT I SHOULD
GO.

I KNOW THAT in order to direct my life in wise and satisfying ways I need to base my decisions upon true and productive values. I need to act in love and use good judgment.

By seeking the inspiration of the Spirit of God within me when I need guidance, I know the loving thing to do, the wise thing to do, the productive thing to do. The inspiration that rises up from the depths of my heart, where God dwells, is inspiration based on values that produce satisfaction in me and well-being in my life.

This inspiration strengthens me, increases my courage, clarifies my thought, stirs my heart to unselfishness. I am able to see beyond personal advantage to that which is helpful to others besides myself. I am able to be an influence for good without being inordinately self-sacrificing. I am able to act with decision, with confidence, and all my acts produce good in my life and in the lives of those I love and want to bless.

● *The breath of the Almighty giveth them understanding.*—JOB 32:8.

Thursday

AUGUST 31

GOD'S TIME IS LIMITLESS, AND I AM UNDER NO SENSE OF PRESSURE AS I GO ABOUT THE FATHER'S BUSINESS THIS DAY.

THIS DAY I perceive God's will expressed through me in perfectly timed activities. I find release from strain as I realize that I am not a slave to the clock. God orders my day in accordance with His divine plan, and I discover that time serves me as I go calmly about the Father's business. I am relieved of all responsibility save that of doing to the best of my ability the things that seem indicated after I have dedicated myself to the expression of Truth. I am automatically in the right place, doing the right thing at the right time all through the day. I give no thought to the thing I did last or the thing I must do next. Instead my complete and poised attention is on the task in hand. This brings me a full and deep sense of satisfaction in all that I do, and I am free forever from the pressure of time.

✿ *He hath made everything beautiful in its time: also he hath set eternity in their heart . . . I know that there is nothing better for them, than to rejoice and to do good.*—ECCLES. 3:11, 12.

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Unity's Telephone and Telegraph Address:

Although Unity School is now located near Lee's Summit, approximately twenty miles from downtown Kansas City, we still have 24-hour direct telephone and telegraph service through Kansas City, Missouri.

Therefore when communicating with us by long-distance telephone or by telegraph, please do not direct your call or telegram to Lee's Summit, but give our address to the operator as:

UNITY SCHOOL OF CHRISTIANITY
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
(Telephone Baltimore 4720)

Unity's Mailing Address:

Since the Lee's Summit post office is the one nearest our new offices, *all mail addressed to Unity* should now be directed to Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Address all letters and other mail to:

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LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI

Use the Lee's Summit, Missouri, address when you write.

Use the Kansas City, Missouri, address when you telephone or telegraph. This will help us serve you more efficiently. If you have occasion to communicate with Unity frequently, you may want to clip this announcement and save it for future reference.

TRUTH STUDIED IN INDIA

The following letter, which comes from a student in a Canadian University, gives an interesting account of how much the Unity publications are appreciated in India. Mr. P. K. K. writes:

"I am a student here from India, and myself, my parents, and the rest of the family have been receiving your periodicals for well over fifteen years. Even though we have not come to regard Christ as our Saviour and belong to the Hindu religion, we have found that this makes no difference. We were brought up as Unity children, and we are all humbly proud of the goodness that was imbued in us and that so wonderfully withstood the test of time and misfortune. Indeed it is through Unity that we learned to understand and interpret our own religion.

"I receive *Progress* regularly, and my father in India was also receiving *Progress* until recently. My sister was receiving *Wee Wisdom*. But they wrote me recently that the magazines have stopped coming . . . probably the subscriptions have expired. As it is not possible for them to pay for these magazines, primarily because of our country's lack of American dollars, I hope you will be kind enough to renew their subscriptions on deferred payment or some other way. I am sure that you will make it possible for them to continue to receive this essential spiritual food."

Unity was pleased to assure Mr. P. K. K. that the *Progress* and *Wee Wisdom* subscriptions to his family in India would be continued without charge through Unity's Good Neighbor Fund. The Good Neighbor Fund provides for the sending of free Unity magazine subscriptions, books, pamphlets, and other literature to persons in foreign countries who for any reason cannot send payment. We are assisted in this work by the love offerings of friends who are interested in bringing the message of Truth to those who need and appreciate it so much. Further information may be obtained by writing to Good Neighbor Fund, Unity School of Christianity, Lee's Summit, Mo.

Weekly Unity

A VALUABLE SUPPLEMENT TO YOUR DAILY WORD READING

You are already acquainted with DAILY WORD, but do you know about WEEKLY UNITY, the inspiring publication that so many are finding a valuable supplement to their DAILY WORD reading?

WEEKLY UNITY, like DAILY WORD, is a publication that has helped many in their search for Truth. However, as its name implies, it is published each week instead of monthly. Thus it provides a valuable once-a-week reminder of God's constant presence and power.

Contained in each issue of this 8-page periodical are true-experience articles telling of ways in which Truth has brought healing and happiness, an inspiring "Things to Be Remembered" column by Lowell Fillmore, and a weekly message from Silent Unity. Also included in each issue of WEEKLY UNITY is the International Bible lesson for the week along with a clarifying Truth interpretation, poems, a testimonial column, and announcements of Unity lectures in various cities.

Let WEEKLY UNITY help you build a more solid working foundation of Truth. A year's subscription, fifty-two helpful issues, is just \$1.

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"In all thy ways acknowledge him . . ."

You can find in the Bible many recipes for the abundant, joyous living that God wants you to experience! But "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he will direct thy paths" is an especially clear and definite one.

Your part is to acknowledge God, if you are seeking His good in your life. By acknowledging God you accept His wisdom, guidance, protection, and supply, and you feel His presence at all times. Then God can do His part, which is to "direct thy paths." He will direct you into paths of plenty, because He has inexhaustible good to pour into your life and affairs.

You can have a definite plan of acknowledging God if you use the Unity Prosperity Bank drill, a plan proved effective many times over by countless Unity students who have found the good they desired when they acknowledged God according to the Truth affirmations accompanying the Bank. Use the coupon below to send for a Bank and begin to acknowledge God and your good the Unity Prosperity Bank way.

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Please send me a Prosperity Bank and ask Silent Unity to pray with me for a successful demonstration. I will use the drill seven weeks and save \$3 for the three *Daily Word* subscriptions (one year each) listed below:

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Take Five Steps to Happiness

DURING UNITY'S ANNUAL LESSONS IN TRUTH WEEK SEPTEMBER 11 TO 18

1. Discover the real power of prayer.
2. Strengthen your faith in God.
3. Overcome any sense of inferiority.
4. Free yourself from self-imposed limitations.
5. Break the bonds of fear, lack, illness.

Lessons in Truth Week is a week set aside by Truth students for the study and review of **LESSONS IN TRUTH**, Unity's fundamental textbook, which contains a thoroughly enlightening explanation of how to make eternal, Christ-taught principles the foundation for triumphant living.

In her daily rounds as a practicing physician H. Emilie Cady, the author of **LESSONS IN TRUTH**, met many persons who were greatly in need of a guide to Truth. She believed that the teachings of Jesus if understood and followed could show all men how to overcome their difficulties.

Your Part in This Purposeful Event

This year Lessons in Truth Week is September 11 to 18. All you need to do to unite with us and other Truth students in this spiritual event is to read and study **LESSONS IN TRUTH**. To aid you in your study a booklet called **THE LESSONS IN TRUTH STUDY GUIDE** is sent free with each book ordered. If you have the book **LESSONS IN TRUTH** and do not have the study guide, be sure to ask for one.

You may obtain **LESSONS IN TRUTH** (study guide included) from your local Unity center or by writing direct to us. **LESSONS IN TRUTH** is priced at \$1 a copy.

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Revelation

R. H. GRENVILLE

I walked with joy the sunlit road,
I climbed with peace the golden hill,
And none of it was strange or new.
The poplar trees, whose shy leaves fill
With music, were my friends of old;
Each bird and brook in that bright land
And every turning of the road
Were known to me as my right hand.

Yet revelation suddenly
Awoke my soul; and where I trod
Familiar ways I realized
A newer glory that was God
And, speechless as that happy man
Who once through Christ was made to see,
Perceived with wonder past all words
That round me lay infinity!

